



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
At Temple Fun, Leeming Bar @ 7pm

**Present**

Parish Councillors: N Pocklington (Chair); P Edworthy; J Kennedy; S Cross; I Marr  
District Councillors: C Les  
County Councillor: A Wilkinson  
Clerk / Others: S Nicholson (Clerk);  
**Apologies:** J Noone; C Gill; J Proctor M Barningham; J Weighell;

**Ref:**  
**2022/23**

**Details**

- 1) **Welcome and Apologies**  
The Chair welcomed everyone and noted the apologies from councillors listed above.
- 2) **Public Session**  
No residents attended this meeting
- 3) **Declarations of Interest**  
None noted
- 4) **Councillor / Clerk issues**  
Elections  
The councillors had been informed that the parish would be uncontested. The Clerk requested all councillors collect forms that need to be completed for the Parish records and Hambleton, these should be completed and returned for the next meeting.  
  
Cllr Steve cross confirmed that he would not be standing as his family are about to do some travelling. The Chair thanked him for the work he had done and wished him well for the future.  
  
The Chair also stated he wanted to formally thank Cllr Carol Gill who is also standing down at these elections due to personal reasons.
- 5) **Minutes**
  1. Minutes 2022.  
The minutes were then proposed by Cllr P Edworthy  
Seconded by Cllr N Pocklington  
**Unanimous agreed**  
**Resolved**
  2. Matters Arising  
All items were either completed or on this agenda for discussion.  
**Resolve**

6) **External Sector Reports**

1. Police Report

The police could not attend and had sent their apologies. The monthly crime figures had been sent and were available.

2. District Council Report.

Cllr CL reported on the following:

There were no real issues due to report. However, both Cllr MB and Cllr JN had been working towards alongside Cllr JW to try and resolve the issue of access to the Blind lane project. (See item 9.1)

3. County Council Report

Cllr AW stated that this would be her last meeting with Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council due to the forth coming elections.

The Chair wanted to formally thank Annabel for all the work she has done for the parish whilst she was one of our NYCC Councillors.

Cllr AW then reported on the following:

1) **County council elections – what if I can't get to a polling station on Thursday 5 May?**

Nominations for candidates in the forthcoming county council elections closed last week, so you can now see who is asking for your vote in this important poll. Find links to the list of candidates where you live at

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/elections](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/elections). If you know you won't be able to get to the polling station on 5 May, you can apply to vote by post or proxy. You need to contact your borough or district council to apply for a postal vote by 5pm on Tuesday 19 April. A proxy vote is when you apply for someone you trust to vote for you, but they must be eligible to vote in the election themselves. If you apply for a proxy vote, the person voting on your behalf can go to the polling station to cast your vote or can apply to vote for you by post. You need to contact your borough or district council to apply for a proxy vote by Tuesday 26 April. [You can find out more and watch a short video featuring self-advocate Christopher Porter talking about the importance of voting at http://nyccintranet/news/make-sure-you-can-vote-county-elections-nominations-close](http://nyccintranet/news/make-sure-you-can-vote-county-elections-nominations-close) or

<http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/make-sure-you-can-vote-county-elections-nominations-close>

2) **Nominate your local champions in North Yorkshire's community awards**

Nominations are still open for North Yorkshire County Council's community awards which honour volunteers who make a real difference in their community. Community organisations and individual volunteers make a huge contribution; aiding the County Council in delivering critical services and providing social networks which reduce isolation and enable people to live independently for longer. The three categories are: Best Community Group, Volunteer of the year and Making a

difference - helping rural communities to flourish. To find more information on the categories and how to nominate, visit: <http://nyccintranet.northyorks.gov.uk/news/community-awards-2022>.

**3) Council Plan refresh**

The new council plan details how we intend to adapt to meet the challenges up until 2023.

**4) Tour of Britain 2022**

North Yorkshire will welcome some of the world's top cyclists in an unforgiving uphill route in the Tour of Britain 2022, which is returning to the county for the first time in 13 years. Organisers have announced that stage four of the race on Wednesday 7 September, will take place between Redcar and Duncombe Park in Helmsley. The route runs through Whitby before heading into the North York Moors National Park. The final 30km will feature the demanding climbs of Carlton Bank and Newgate Bank - both 2km long - before descending into the finish at Duncombe Park. To read more about the tour, visit: [Route for North Yorkshire stage of the Tour of Britain announced | News | North Yorkshire County Council](#)

**5) Your chance to help to shape access to the countryside**

North Yorkshire people with an interest in countryside access are being invited to apply to join the county's Local Access Forum. The North Yorkshire Local Access Forum brings together representatives of land managers, users and other relevant areas of interest to watch over and help to shape the future of footpaths, bridleways, byways, open access land and other green spaces within North Yorkshire, outside the boundaries of the National Parks.

It is an independent body that advises North Yorkshire County Council, and other bodies, on how people can make the most of opportunities for enjoying the great outdoors.

As a member of the Forum, you would work with a broad range of people to help to ensure that the countryside is open to all.

The Forum is expected to develop a constructive, inclusive approach to improving recreational access to the countryside and to respect local circumstances and interests, while following national guidance. It also acts as a bridge between interest groups and seeks a consensus wherever possible. If you feel that, in a voluntary capacity, you could contribute to the Forum's work, request an application pack by contacting Will Baines, Principal Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer, at [william.baines@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:william.baines@northyorks.gov.uk). The closing date for applications is Sunday, May 8, and informal interviews will take place on 26 and 27 May.

**7) Local External Committee Reports**

Nothing to report

8) **Hambleton Local Plan Business Plan**

Nothing to report

9) **Planning Applications and Decision**

1. Blind Lane development

The Chair gave a short update of the project along with details of the recent meetings with the developers:

Before the Blind Lane development was discussed at the HDC Planning meeting a small group of Councillors had a very productive meeting with the developers to discuss progress, Bluebell Way, consultation with the community and the possibility of a village hall. However, the PC remains concerned that the entrance to the development is via Bluebell Way, whilst the developers and agent went to great lengths to assure us that this is the only viable option, we remain concerned that an alternative via Blind Lane has not been as vigorously pursued as we had hoped, particularly as a substantial part of Blind Lane currently does not appear to have an identified owner. The current proposal appears to be an unsatisfactory compromise. We also query para 1.16 of the report and the numbers of vehicles that would use Bluebell Way, even at the projected figure of one per minute during peak times, it would mean a projected 240 extra movements based on two peak periods of two hours. The figures did not include future developments which would increase traffic if this proposal remains the only entrance to the development. We were also disappointed that District Councillors were not given the opportunity to visit Bluebell Way during the site visit to the development and see the proposed entrance. We still have concerns about the access and will continue to express residents and councillors views on this.

The meeting was really positive and the possibility of a Community Hall was discussed on the land that the Rectors Four and Twenty Committee has allocated to the PC. This along with the £100K promised by HDC and are own CIL money goes a long way towards that project.

We also discussed exploring the possibility of having the Community Hall on the Kingfisher Play Area. The Chair had requested the clerk to confirm ownership and usage. This had been done with confirmation that the parish have the Deeds but it has a Covenant that the area is for recreational use only. The chair stated he was planning to contact Planning Department to confirm if we could changing the usage.

Summary

1. Working party of Councillors
2. What would the hall be used for and if any interest
3. consultation of residents
4. Communication – minute to Darlington and Stockton News

2. 21/02282/Ful

Northallerton Road Development (82 dwellings)  
Site visit – unfortunately no one was available

3. 22/00185/REM  
Reserved matters of Landscaping  
18 Leeming Lane, Leeming Bar  
**GRANTED**
  
4. 22/00596/MRC  
Variation of conditions to Planning consent for 4 dwellings  
Land Adjacent to 93 Bedale Road Aiskew, Bedale  
**DD**  
**No Observations**
  
5. 22/00907/FUL  
Conversion of existing garage and store  
1 Bedale Rose Avenue Leeming Bar Northallerton North Yorkshire  
Mr D Williamson  
**DD**  
**No Observations**
  
6. Certificate of Road Names  
33 to 39 (odds) & 44 to 48 (evens)  
Sparrow Way, Aiskew, Bedale North Yorkshire, DL8 1FW  
  
1 to 31 (exc 13)  
Chaffinch Drive, Aiskew, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1GA  
  
1 to 99 (exc 13) (odds) & 2 to 50 (evens)  
Bullfinch Way, Aiskew, Bedale, North Yorkshire, DL8 1GB

10) **Playgrounds**

1. Kingfisher Ownership  
See item 9.1

The Contractor for the new equipment has confirmed that it will be another 2/4 weeks before it would be installed.

2. Leeming Bar

The Clerk confirmed that work has been completed with the new equipment being installed. The clerk had visited the site and the children on the park were very happy but suggested a possible climbing wall or slide for future items to consider.

11) **Highways**

1. Potland Trees

A letter had been sent to Broadacres but they had not responded. A suggestion was to contact Cllr MB who may be able to assist with this

**Action: clerk to email Cllr MB**

2. Parking Opposite Alpha Dentist

Notice of restrictions have gone up.

**Resolved**

3. Crossing – Bedale Road / Jubilee Rd Aiskew  
No further developments.

**Action: Contact Cllr MB to see if he had further news.**

4. Parking on verges Roughly Bank – Roundabout  
Cllr AW reported:  
Roughley Bank, damaged verges – one of our Highway Officers has inspected the verges and advises me whilst there is no question the verges have been damaged they currently don't meet our intervention criteria for attention. However, he has left some cones out to highlight the damage, which will hopefully prevent any further misuse of the verges by vehicles. As I mentioned last week we maintain highway verges for safety only and they are considered very low priority. We no longer install verge marker posts as they are easily damaged and carry a constant maintenance liability, which unfortunately is not something we have a budget for so it is likely that we can do nothing here other than a watching brief to see how the verges recover.

The Chair stated that the PC will continue also to monitor this site

5. Trees on Grass verge, Bedale Road  
Cllr JK stated that brushes / tree were still on the grass verge at the end of Potlands. The parish had been advised by HDC Planning that the resident had been informed to remove these as they were on the grass verge.

Action Clerk to follow this up with Planning.

6. VAS  
Due to Cllr SC standing down Cllr IM stated he would arrange to move the VAS every 2 months as required.

## 12) **Financial Matters**

4. Financial Assessment Policy
  - Online banking  
**Policy agreed**
5. Payments and monthly summary  
The summary had been sent to Councillors and was also verbal confirmed by the Clerk.  
**AGREED**
6. CIL Levy  
The Clerk confirmed that a further £15606.45 had been advised from HDC.
7. Annually Accounts  
These should be ready for agreement next month so that they can be sent to the internal and external Auditors.

13) AOB

1. Footpath Closure Burniston & Exelby

Correspondence had been received about a closure of a footpath in Burniston.

Cllr AW stated that this was a complicated case with the footpath actually going across someone's back garden. The Chair stated that he and the parish would be against closure of any footpath but if an alternative was available this would be acceptable.

2. Polar Express – Parking

An email had been sent to Theresa at Wensleydale Railway without a response. Cllr IM stated ha had also sent them an email about another matter without a response.

**Action Send another email / letter**

3. Christmas Festival

Thank you note had been received for our donation.

4. Polythene in Hedges

The Chair stated that a lot of shredded polythene was in the hedges along Back Lane.

**Action: Clerk to contact Environmental at HDC**

**Meeting Closed at 8.30pm**

Signed:.....

Dated:.....